

# COMMISSIONERS DISCUSS MONEY

Question of Expenses Occu-  
pies Serious Attention of  
County Fathers.

With about \$150,000 representing the sum which has already been borrowed by the county, with but about \$12,000 in the general fund, and with monthly current expenses running to nearly the \$20,000 mark, the county commissioners are busily engaged in trying to solve the problem of continuing their work without getting very much deeper into debt.

It has been figured out, too, that when the new court house is finished and occupied, the running expenses will jump to about \$100,000, and for this reason, some new borrowing plan is being looked into by the commissioners.

**No Normal School.**  
The commissioners court as a court, refused Monday to endorse the plan which has been proposed to try to have established in this county a state normal school, although the chamber of commerce has already endorsed the plan. The members of the court, individually, told Miss Myra Winkler, county school superintendent, who was the originator of the plan, that they were in favor of it, but said that as a court, they did not feel that it should go on record as endorsing the idea.

**To Have Private Switchboard.**  
The new court house will also have installed a private switchboard which will look after the 25 telephones to be installed in the building. A room has already been prepared for the switchboard, and the only thing necessary to get a number in the court house will be to call the proper number and the operator on duty there will make the proper connections.

Judge Adrian Pool, former county judge, appeared before the court with two appeals. One that the county vote to repay commissioner J. M. Warner the amount which he has expended since holding office out of his own personal funds. The commissioners are allowed \$2 per meeting, but as commissioner Warner is obliged to come to El Paso from Sierra Blanca, he is obliged to pay railroad fare, hotel expenses and food expenses every time the commissioners are in session. He is paid out by Judge Pool that holding the office was a losing proposition for commissioner Warner. All of the members of the court were heartily in favor of having the commissioner reimbursed and the matter was referred to county attorney W. H. Fryer for a legal opinion.

Judge Pool's other request was that the commissioners vote to have the salary of the county judge paid monthly instead of yearly. He said that the salary of \$1000 per year, less what he needed monthly by Judge R. B. McClintock, might be needed by some other judge who will come later, and said that it was only fair that the salary be paid more frequently in smaller amounts.

**TEXAS BANKERS TO ENCOURAGE FARMERS OF THE PANHANDLE**

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 9.—Enthusiastic assistance will be given to the "Safe Farming and High Priced Cotton" campaign in the Panhandle, according to information received today from W. H. Fuqua, of Amarillo. Mr. Fuqua wrote notifying William H. Berg, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Texas Bankers' association, of the appointment of Amarillo bankers and business men who will assist team No. 11, which will conduct the campaign in that territory late in the present month. The committee includes L. R. Gentry, J. L. Pope, Harmon Benton, M. W. Cunningham and R. L. Mobley.

The committee will accompany a team of specialists for two weeks tour through northwest Texas in the interest of the movement to increase the production of feed and foodstuffs, fruit and dairy products.

**LIFE UNDERWRITERS ELECT OFFICERS AND GIVE DINNER**

The annual election and dinner were held Monday night by The El Paso Association of Life Underwriters, in the grill room of the Hotel Sheldon.

A. L. McKnight was elected president; C. M. Davis, first vice president; W. H. Long, second vice president; H. T. Bouri, secretary and treasurer; Dan G. McQuinn, Louis Lay and Chas. H. Russell, executive committee.

**GERMANY AND AUSTRIA MAY MAKE CLOTH FROM NETTLES**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Perfection of a method for making cloth out of the fiber of the stinging nettle, it is claimed, may make Austria and Germany independent of cotton imports. Reports to the department of commerce, telling of the invention of the method of Dr. Richter of Vienna, say that samples of the cloth prove that fabric produced from the nettle fiber can be used for any purpose to which pure cotton fabrics heretofore have been put. Ten million acres of land, it is declared, not now utilized, could be used for that purpose.

**HIGH COST OF LIVING IS ALARMING JAPANESE**

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 9.—Investigators estimate that there is a rise of 20 percent over last year in the price of necessities in Japan and the tendency is toward a still higher level. Sugar has increased 20 to 25 percent, salmon 20 to 100 percent, wine 20 percent, beans 20 to 40 percent, grain 10 to 20 percent, canned goods 10 to 20 percent and fuel 20 percent. The cost of cloth, apparel and oils has also increased.

**WAGES HAVE RISEN BUT MANY PEOPLE NOT CONNECTED WITH THE PRESENT PROSPERITY ARE MEETING HARD TIMES.**

**GERMANY PRODUCES MORE STEEL THAN EVER BEFORE**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Despite the war, Germany is producing more steel than ever before, according to reports to the department of commerce. A production of 1,425,535 tons in October established a new record. For the ten months ending in October the output was 12,365,418 tons.

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other is our own stock which has been selling at the regular prices; reduced now to meet the new standard of value this sale sets.

Even though these garments are offered at the remarkable prices quoted on this page---they are guaranteed as though you paid full price---fabric, make, lining, satisfaction.

## Here's the Story--Read It All It Is The Story No Business Or Professional Man Can Afford to Miss If He Wants To Keep Fully Alive With The News Of The Day!

THE story doesn't make the sale; the sale makes the story; but the story explains the sale.

It is a story that appeals to crowds; that brings crowds. In former sales of this kind men waited for the doors to open in the morning; and hundreds came during the day.

It is a story that appeals to the individual man, because it brings to every man the opportunity to get his season's supply of clothing and make a clean saving of clean dollars.

The sale is clean through and through. There is nothing murky, misty or musty about it.

The fabrics are clean and good. The tailoring is clean and well done. The clothing is cleanly made, inside as well as outside.

The sale is a demonstration of what "The Popular" can accomplish. Not a sale of odds and ends---but brand new Suits and Overcoats in heavy and medium weights---made over models designed for Spring, 1917.

Because of the vast amount of Fall and Winter business done by this store, and the depleted condition of our stocks, we were forced to send our buyer to the East, in order to have merchandise with which to supply our customers.

The great makers with whom we deal regularly joined hands with us and shaved their profits to enable us to render this big service.

It is a big thing---this sale. The largest sale, we believe, in the Southwest---largest in stocks---largest in variety---largest in value. Then every Suit and Overcoat as it came in was rigidly inspected---to see that it came up to the grade ordered.

This inspection is a story in itself.

THE clothing chief is a human interest story. He was brought up in the clothing manufacturing business. For eleven years he has been buying clothing for us. He knows our standard; he sees that we get it. No, he couldn't inspect so many garments in one day. But he could, with some help, in two weeks' time; and this clothing has been coming in for two weeks.

It has been opened and reexamined under the bright daylight on the second floor of this building.

The Merchandise Office has examined it carefully.

The Advertising Office has examined it---critically.

Expert shoppers have examined it. We have "shopped" about town to see what other good stores are selling---and compared our Suits and Overcoats with those that we bought. And what is the result?

Shall we tell you---or will you see for yourself?

What you will see is this: the cleanest, best-fabricated, best-tailored, best-patterned clothing you ever saw in such variety at the prices quoted. Best is a word we rarely use. Good is usually good enough for us.

But best is necessary here to tell the whole story. Come to see anyway, even though you may be skeptical of clothing sales.

Everything is guaranteed---everything is returnable if it is not satisfactory when seen at home. We don't want anybody to keep anything---ever---that does not entirely satisfy.

Looking and asking questions---free. No one will button-hole you. No one will urge you. But any one---not busy---will serve you, if you ask. Our selling force has been increased and the alteration staff is enlarged to make quick deliveries.



Four Days  
More Than  
Comes The  
World Of  
White!

NEXT Monday opens the fifteenth season of "The Popular's World of White," offering inclusive collections of specialized groups of underclothes for women, babies, children and young girls; corsets and brassieres for women and misses; blouses, negligees, silk petticoats, house dresses and aprons for women; also white goods by the yard for lingerie; embroideries and laces; muslin sheets and pillow cases, bed spreads, household and table linens mostly at or below prevailing wholesale prices.

America, France, Ireland, Switzerland, Scotland, Japan, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands have given their best to this Event.

**Philippines**  
are competing with France in needlework and underselling because no duty is required.

**France**  
excels in needle-made lingerie and blouses in exquisite taste and superb workmanship.

**Porto Rico**  
sends rich crepe de chine lingerie, hand-made and embroidered, at hardly more cost than machine-made.

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A SPECIAL purchase of imported Flowers for Millinery Trimmings. The lot consists of beautiful Violets, Roses, Fruits and Berries, Lillies of all kinds, Forget-Me-Nots, Assorted Wreaths, French Buds, Foliage, Pansies, Silhouette Trimmings and Straw Novelties. All so charmingly made they can hardly be told from cut flowers. Values up to \$2.50 a bunch. While they last, a bunch, at 49c.

---(Sixth Floor)

**The Popular**  
DRY GOODS CO., INC.

## Here Are The Prices On These Suits And Overcoats:

\$15.00 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	\$11.25
16.50 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	12.37
18.00 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	13.50
20.00 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	15.00
22.50 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	16.87
25.00 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	18.75
27.50 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	20.62
30.00 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	22.50
32.50 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	24.40
35.00 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	26.25
37.50 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	28.12
40.00 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	30.00
45.00 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	33.75
47.50 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	36.62
50.00 Suits or Overcoats	offered at	37.50

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